

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 17. (currently amended): A computer ~~implemented~~ aided method of managing a credit application, the method comprising the steps of:

- receiving credit application data from a remote application entry and display device;

- ~~obtaining credit report data from at least one remote credit bureau terminal device;~~

- selectively forwarding the credit application data to a first remote funding source terminal device;

- facilitating the first remote funding source terminal device to selectively forward the credit application to a second remote funding source terminal device if the funding source associated with the first remote funding source terminal declines to approve the credit application; and

- forwarding funding decision data from at least one of the first and second remote funding source terminal devices to the remote application entry and display device.

Claims 20 - 22 (cancelled)

Claim 39. (previously amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the remote application entry and display device includes a data entry terminal for manual entry of the credit application data.

Claim 40. (previously amended) The method according to claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

- aggregating data for a dealer having a plurality of dealerships located at different locations; and

- providing the dealer with a consolidated report using the aggregated data.

Claims 41 - 61 (cancelled)

G3 Claim 62. (new) The method according to claim 17 also including the step of:
obtaining credit report data from at least one remote credit bureau terminal
device.
